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NOTE VERBALE DATED 2 JUNE 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF UKRAINE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT ISSUED ON 28 MAY 1998 BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF UKRAINE CONCERNING FIVE UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS CARRIED OUT BY PAKISTAN ON 28 MAY 1998

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to request the distribution as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament of the attached text of a statement issued on 28 May 1998 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine concerning five underground nuclear tests carried out by Pakistan on 28 May.

Statement
by
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

It is for the second time in this month that the aspirations of the international community for the nuclear-weapon-free world are subjected to severe hardships. Despite numerous appeals from the world community to show the utmost restraint in reciprocation to the nuclear tests in India, Pakistan conducted its own nuclear tests. Therefore the spirit of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and that of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty has been violated, dangerous background for farther nuclear arms proliferation in the world was founded.

As in the case of Indian nuclear tests, Ukraine condemns this step, made by Pakistan, and calls upon both countries to show restraint and responsibility in bilateral relations, this being in conformity to the interests of preserving peace and stability in the South Asia and in the world as a whole.

Recent developments in both countries revealed inefficiency of the existing procedures to control the nuclear weapons non-proliferation, as well as an urgent necessity for their radical improvement. Taking into consideration the extraordinary character of the situation in the South Asia, Ukraine deems necessary to consider this issue without any delay at the session of the UN Security Council.

Kyiv

28 May 1998